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**Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Middlesex County, MA; Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No. 593X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – in Middlesex County, MA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Framingham, Massachusetts ("Town") to request a 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSX"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 3.40 mile portion of line that extends from railroad milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to railroad milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line. Pursuant to the December 27, 2010 decision of the Surface Transportation Board, the negotiating period expired May 3, 2011.

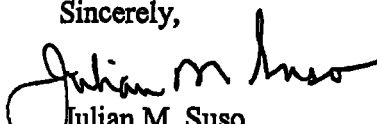
The Town is updating its appraisal and is continuing to negotiate the acquisition price with CSX regarding the NITU.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the negotiating deadline to October 30, 2011 (i.e. 180 calendar days from the prior expiration date). CSX has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the Town is a local government entity.

The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Julian M. Suso  
Town Manager

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*2011.05.09 Request for Negotiation Extension (600-242)*